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Information to Examiners

1. General

The mark scheme for each question shows:

- the marks available for each part of the question
- the total marks available for the question
- the typical answer or answers which are expected
- extra information to help the Examiner make his or her judgement and help to delineate what is acceptable or not worthy of credit or, in discursive answers, to give an overview of the area in which a mark or marks may be awarded
- the Assessment Objectives and specification content that each question is intended to cover.

The extra information is aligned to the appropriate answer in the left-hand part of the mark scheme and should only be applied to that item in the mark scheme.

At the beginning of a part of a question a reminder may be given, for example: where consequential marking needs to be considered in a calculation; or the answer may be on the diagram or at a different place on the script.

In general the right-hand side of the mark scheme is there to provide those extra details which confuse the main part of the mark scheme yet may be helpful in ensuring that marking is straightforward and consistent.

2. Emboldening and underlining

2.1 In a list of acceptable answers where more than one mark is available 'any **two** from' is used, with the number of marks emboldened. Each of the following bullet points is a potential mark.

2.2 A bold **and** is used to indicate that both parts of the answer are required to award the mark.

2.3 Alternative answers acceptable for a mark are indicated by the use of **or**. Different terms in the mark scheme are shown by a / ; eg allow smooth / free movement.

2.4 Any wording that is underlined is essential for the marking point to be awarded.

3. Marking points

3.1 Marking of lists

This applies to questions requiring a set number of responses, but for which students have provided extra responses. The general principle to be followed in such a situation is that 'right + wrong = wrong'.

Each error / contradiction negates each correct response. So, if the number of error / contradictions equals or exceeds the number of marks available for the question, no marks can be awarded.

However, responses considered to be neutral (indicated as * in example 1) are not penalised.

Example 1: What is the pH of an acidic solution? (1 mark)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	green, 5	0
2	red*, 5	1
3	red*, 8	0

Example 2: Name two planets in the solar system. (2 marks)

Student	Response	Marks awarded
1	Neptune, Mars, Moon	1
2	Neptune, Sun, Mars, Moon	0

3.2 Use of chemical symbols / formulae

If a student writes a chemical symbol / formula instead of a required chemical name, full credit can be given if the symbol / formula is correct and if, in the context of the question, such action is appropriate.

3.3 Marking procedure for calculations

Marks should be awarded for each stage of the calculation completed correctly, as students are instructed to show their working.

Full marks can however be given for a correct numerical answer, without any working shown.

3.4 Interpretation of 'it'

Answers using the word 'it' should be given credit only if it is clear that the 'it' refers to the correct subject.

3.5 Errors carried forward

Any error in the answers to a structured question should be penalised once only.

Papers should be constructed in such a way that the number of times errors can be carried forward is kept to a minimum. Allowances for errors carried forward are most likely to be restricted to calculation questions and should be shown by the abbreviation e.c.f. in the marking scheme.

3.6 Phonetic spelling

The phonetic spelling of correct scientific terminology should be credited **unless** there is a possible confusion with another technical term.

3.7 Brackets

(…..) are used to indicate information which is not essential for the mark to be awarded but is included to help the examiner identify the sense of the answer required.

3.8 Ignore / Insufficient / Do <u>not</u> allow

Ignore or insufficient are used when the information given is irrelevant to the question or not enough to gain the marking point. Any further correct amplification could gain the marking point.

Do **not** allow means that this is a wrong answer which, even if the correct answer is given as well, will still mean that the mark is not awarded.

Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

You should ignore any irrelevant points made. However, full marks can be awarded only if there are no incorrect statements that contradict a correct response.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

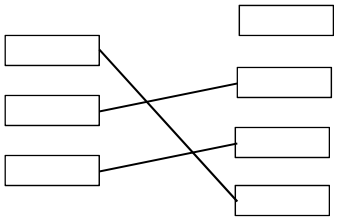
Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
1.1	any **one** from: • Earth is at the centre (not the Sun) • there are fewer planets	accept there is no asteroid belt shown accept there are only 5 planets (and not 8) accept other planets have no moons shown	1	AO1/1 4.8.1.1 WS1.1
1.2	Shows the moon in orbit around the Earth	accept the planets have circular orbits	1	AO1/1 4.8.1.1 WS1.1
1.3	circular	accept elliptical	1	AO1/1 4.8.1.3
1.4	gravity		1	AO1/1 4.8.1.3
1.5	Mira is much more massive		1	AO1/1 4.8.1.2
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
02.1	induced		1	AO1/1 4.7.1.1
02.2	bar 2 (the same end) of bar 1 attracts both ends of bar 2 **or** only two magnets can repel so cannot be bar 1 or bar 3		1 1	AO2/1 4.7.1.1
02.3	so the results for each magnet can be compared **or** so there is only one independent variable	fair test is insufficient allow different thickness of paper would affect number of sheets each magnet could hold accept it is a control variable	1	AO3/1a 4.7.1 WS2.2
02.4	because the magnet with the biggest area was not the strongest	accept any correct reason that confirms the hypothesis is wrong eg smallest magnet holds more sheets than the largest	1	AO3/1b 4.7.1 WS3.6
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
03.1	**Level 2:** A detailed and coherent description of a plan covering all the major steps is provided. The steps are set out in a logical manner that could be followed by another person to obtain valid results.	3–4	4	AO3/3a 4.5.6.3.2
	Level 1: Simple statements relating to relevant apparatus or steps are made but they may not be in a logical order. The plan would not allow another person to obtain valid results.	1–2		
	No relevant content.	0		
	Indicative content • measure the distance the ruler falls before being stopped • the greater this distance the greater the reaction time • repeat measurements and calculate a mean • repeat several times with the student listening to music (through earphones). Calculate a mean. • a (significant) difference between the two means would show that music affects reaction time.			
03.2	reaction time decreases with practice	allow Y has a shorter reaction time allow Y has faster reaction times (than X)	1	AO3/2a 4.5.6.3.2
03.3	the stop clock was started before the computer test started		1	AO3/3a 4.5.6.3.2
	the student was distracted		1	
Total			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
04.1	from K to L		1	AO1/2 4.5.3
04.2	the same as smaller than	correct order only	1 1	AO3/3a 4.5.3 WS3.7
04.3	4 N		1	AO2/1 4.5.3 WS3.5
04.4	the limit of proportionality is reached when a weight of 7N is added to the spring	accept any number from 6.8 to 7.2 inclusive	1	AO3/2a 4.5.3
04.5	The extension is directly proportional to the weight.		1	AO3/2b 4.5.3
04.6	C		1	AO3/2b 4.5.3
TOTAL			**7**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
05.1	K		1	AO1/1 4.6.1.2
05.2	Decreases		1	AO1/1 4.6.1.2
05.3	use a metre rule/30 cm ruler to measure across 10 (projected) waves and then divide by 10	accept any practical number of waves number for 10	1 1	AO1/2 4.6.1.2
05.4	1.2 cm = 0.012 m 18.5 × 0.012 = 0.22(2) (m/s)	 allow 0.22(2) with no working shown for **2** marks	1 1	AO2/1 AO2/1 4.6.1.2
	typical walking speed = 1.5m/s	accept any value e.g. in the range 0.7 to 2.0 m/s	1	AO1/1 4.5.6.1.2
	so the water waves are slower (than a typical walking speed)	this cannot score on its own	1	AO3/2a 4.5.6.1.2
Total			**8**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
06.1	radio		1	AO1/1 4.6.2.1
06.2		award **1** mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from any em wave then none of those lines gain credit	3	AO1/1 4.6.2.4
06.3	ionising		1	AO1/1 4.6.2.3
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
07.1	D		1	AO1/1 4.5.1.2
07.2	C		1	AO1/1 4.5.1.2
07.3	W = 300 × 45 W = 13 500	 allow 13 500 with no working shown for **2** marks	1 1	AO2/1 4.5.2
07.4	straight line drawn from 13 m/s to 0 m/s finishing on x-axis at 65 s		1 1	AO2/2 4.5.6.1.5
Total			**6**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
08.1	moment = 280 × 0.9 moment = 252	 allow 252 with no working shown for **2** marks allow 25200 with no working shown for **1** mark	1 1	AO2/1 4.5.4
08.2	the clockwise moment (of child B) decreases making it is less than the anticlockwise moment (of child A) so child A moves downwards **or** so child B moves upwards	 accept so moments are no longer balanced	1 1 1	AO2/2 4.5.4
Total			**5**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
09.1	Third Law		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.2.3
09.2	elastic potential		1	AO1/1 4.5.3
09.3	weight = mass x gravitational field strength	accept gravity for gravitational field strength accept W = mg accept correct rearrangement ie mass = weight / gravitational field strength **or** m = W/g	1	AO1/1 4.5.1.3
09.4	343 = m x 9.8 m = $\frac{343}{9.8}$ m = 35	 allow 35 with no working shown for **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 AO2/1 AO2/1 4.5.1.3
09.5	force = spring constant × compression	accept force = spring constant × extension accept F = k e accept correct rearrangement ie constant = force / extension **or** k = F/e	1	AO1/1 4.5.3
09.6	compression = 0.07m 343 = k × 0.07 k = 343 ÷ 0.07 k = 4900	 allow 4900 with no working shown for **4** marks allow 49 with no working shown for **3** marks	1 1 1 1	AO2/1 AO2/1 AO2/1 AO2/1 4.5.3
Total			**11**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.1	It will have a constant speed.		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.2.1
10.2	distance travelled = speed x time		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.1.2
10.3	a = $\frac{18 - 9}{6}$ a = 1.5	 allow 1.5 with no working shown for **2** marks	1 1	AO2/1 4.5.6.1.5
10.4	resultant force = mass x acceleration		1	AO1/1 4.5.6.2.2
10.5	F = (1120+80) × 1.5 F = 1800 (N)	 allow 1800 with no working shown for **2** marks accept their 10.3 × 1200 correctly calculated for **2** marks	1 1	AO2/1 4.5.6.1.5
10.6	$18^2 - 9^2 = 2 \times 1.5 \times s$ $s = 18^2 - 9^2 / 2 \times 1.5$ s = 81 (m)	 allow 81 (m) with no working shown for **3** marks accept answer using their 10.3 (if not 1.5) correctly calculated for **3** marks	1 1 1	AO2/1 4.5.6.2.2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
10.7	**Level 2:** A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The response makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points that include references to the numerical factor.	3–4	4	AO2/1 4.1.1.2 4.5.6.3
	Level 1: Simple statements are made. The response may fail to make logical links between the points raised.	1–2		
	No relevant content	0		
	Indicative content • doubling speed increase the kinetic energy • kinetic energy increases by a factor of 4 • work done (by brakes) to stop the car increases • work done increases by a factor of 4 • work done is force x distance and braking force is constant • so if work done increases by 4 then the braking distance must increase by 4			
Total			**14**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
11.1	red–shift		1	AO1/1 4.8.2
11.2	the further away from the Earth, the faster a galaxy is moving		1	AO3/1a 4.8.2 WS3.5
11.3	**strength** as the balloon expands the dots get further apart, representing the galaxies moving apart **weakness** dots are only on the surface of the balloon, galaxies are throughout the universe **or** there is a limit to how far the balloon can expand		1 1	AO3/1b 4.8.2 WS1.2
11.4	both theories suggest that the Universe is expanding		1	AO1/2 4.8.2
11.5	new evidence / observations that cannot be explained by Theory 1	accept specific example of new evidence ie CMBR	1	AO1/1 4.8.2 WS1.1
Total			**6**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
12.1	$\text{magnification} = \frac{\text{image height}}{\text{object height}}$		1	AO3/1b 4.6.2.5
	dividing by an object height of 1 cm gives the same (numerical) value		1	
12.2	accept anything practical that would work eg: use a taller object use a (travelling) microscope attach a scale to the screen and used a magnifying glass		1	AO3/3b 4.6.2.5 WS2.3/7
12.3	both points plotted correctly		1	AO2/2
	correct line of best fit drawn	a curve passing through all points (within ½ square), judge by eye	1	4.6.2.5 WS3.1/2

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
12.4	values of 1.4 and 0.6 extracted from the graph		1	AO2/2 4.6.2.5
	2.33 times bigger	accept any number between 2.3 and 2.5 inclusive	1	WS3.5
12.5	by dividing the distance between the lens and the image by the distance between the lens and the object		1	AO3/1a
	at least one correct calculation and comparison eg 100÷25 = 4 which is the same as the measured magnification		1	AO2/2 4.6.2.5 WS3.5
Total			**9**	

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
13.1	move a (magnetic/plotting) compass around the wire the changing direction of the compass needle shows a magnetic field has been produced **OR** sprinkle iron filings onto the card (1) tapping the card will move the filings to show the magnetic field (pattern) (1)		1 1	AO1/2 4.7.2.1

13.2	**Level 2:** A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The response makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points that explain how the ignition circuit works.	3–4	4	AO2/1 4.7.2.1
	Level 1: Simple statements are made. The response may fail to make logical links between the points raised.	1–2		
	No relevant content	0		
	Indicative content • closing the (ignition) switch causes a current to pass through the electromagnet • the iron core (of the electromagnet) becomes magnetised • the electromagnet/iron core attracts the (short side of the) iron arm • the iron arm pushes the (starter motor) contacts (inside the electromagnetic switch) together • the starter motor circuit is complete • a current flows through the starter motor (which then turns)			

Total		**6**

Question	Answers	Extra information	Mark	AO / Spec. Ref.
14	**Level 3:** A detailed and coherent plan covering all the major steps is provided. The steps in the method are logically ordered. The method would lead to the production of valid results. A source of inaccuracy is provided.	5–6	6	AO1/2 4.6.2.2
	Level 2: The bulk of a method is described with mostly relevant detail. The method may not be in a completely logical sequence and may be missing some detail.	3–4		
	Level 1: Simple statements are made. The response may lack a logical structure and would not lead to the production of valid results.	1–2		
	No relevant content	0		
	Indicative content place a glass block on a piece of paper draw around the glass block and then remove from the paper draw a line at 90° to one side of the block (the normal) use a protractor to measure and then draw a line at an angle of 20° to the normal replace the glass block using a ray box and slit point the ray of light down the drawn line mark the ray of light emerging from the block remove the block and draw in the refracted ray measure the angle of refraction with a protractor repeat the procedure for a range of values of the angle of incidence **possible source of inaccuracy** the width of the light ray which makes it difficult to judge where the centre of the ray is			
Total			**6**	